# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:799
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ATROCITIES AGAINST SC /ST
Athawale Shri Ramdas

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received any suggestions from Hon`ble MPs or social organisations regarding the fixing of roles of the people`s representatives for the strict compliance of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and regarding major issues of harassments like large scale murder of people belonging to the said communities or heavy losses inflicted on their properties and also for fixing the responsibility of the concerned District Collector and the Police Commissioner and to take action against them in such cases;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government therein; and

(c) the action being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (c) Such a suggestion has not been received in the recent past. Rule 16 and Rule 17 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, however, provide for constitution of a State Level and a District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees respectively, wherein the elected Members of Parliament, State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council are Members. As regards action against public servants, the provision for abetment of an offence/punishment for neglect of duties is already provided in Section 10 of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Section 4 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.